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WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
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CLEANING OF CANALS AND LAKES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any countrywide action plan for cleaning of lakes, ponds, major canals and subsidiary canals under the irrigation scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce an annual programme for cleaning of canals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION; PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TEXTILES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE). (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a to d) Irrigation development being a state subject planning, execution and operation & maintenance of irrigation projects are carried out by the state Governments from their own resources and as per their own requirements and priority of works. The Union Government launched Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) and Extension, Renovation and Modernization (ERM) Irrigation Project including lift irrigation and minor irrigation schemes.

The Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies scheme of MoWR is also providing financial assistance to the States for repair, renovation and restoration of water bodies. A provision for RRR of 10,000 water bodies has been kept for XII Plan at a cost of Rs.6235 crores.

Ministry of Environment & Forests has been implementing the Centrally sponsored scheme of National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP) for conservation of polluted and degraded lakes. Different conservation activities under NLCP include interception, diversion and treatment of wastewater, catchment area treatment, shoreline projection, in-lake treatment, lake front development etc. Based on the proposals received from different States, the Ministry has so far sanctioned projects for conservation of 62 lakes in 14 States at a total cost of Rs.1041.96 crore under the scheme.